IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

MONDAY, THE 19TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 28TH KARTHIKA 1929

WP(C).No. 34130 of 2007(K)

PETITIONER:

SAJIMON P.T., AGED 34 YEARS,
S/O. TITUS ABRAHAM, TEAM MANAGER, SOCIAL SCIENCE,
MAR THOMA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHUNGATHARA,
NILAMBUR-679 334.

BY ADV. SRI.PEEYUS A.KOTTAM
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RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, TRIVANDRUM, PIN-695 001.

2. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS,
TRIVANDRUM, PIN-695 001.

3. DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER/CHAIRMAN,
APPEAL COMMITTEE, SOCIAL SCIENCE MEET,
WANDOOR, PIN-679 328.

4. GENERAL CONVENER,
STATE EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT SOCIAL SCIENCE MEET,
THODUPUZHA.

5. GENERAL CONVENER/HEADMASTER,
M.P.M.H.S. CHUNGATHARA, WANDOOR EDUCATIONAL
DISTRICT SOCIAL SCIENCE MEET-2007-08,PIN-679 334.

6. CONVENER/SECRETARY,
WANDOOR EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT SOCIAL SCIENCE FAIR,
WANDOOR.

7. TEAM MANAGER, S.O.H.S., AREKODE, PIN-673639.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 19/11/2007 , THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

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Dated this the 19th day of November, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner is a Team Manager of Marthoma Higher Secondary School, which had participated in the District Level Social Science fair. Team from the petitioner's school participated in items such as Still Model and Social Science General. In both these items, 2nd rank was assigned to the school and as a result of this they are excluded from the state level meet, which is to commence on 20th. The ground of objection that is raised is that three judges are appointed, and of the 3, 2 were from the area of the school which hosted the event and that the first rank in these items also was given to the students from the host school.

2. In my view, the fact that two judges happened to be from the area who hosted the meet by itself is no reason to infer that their judgment is vitiated for any reason. In matters like

this, one has to presume impartiality on the part of the judges and unless strong grounds are made out, it will not be proper for this court of interfere in matters like this. Petitioner has not made out grounds for interference.

Writ petition fails and is dismissed.

ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE

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